

REVIEW

"Bird Count - A Practical Guide to Bird Surveys"

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"Bird Count - A Practical Guide to Bird Surveys", published by Penguin Books in 1976, was written by Humphrey M. Dobinson, a school teacher and former committee and council member of the British Trust for Ornithology who was instrumental in establishing the bird sanctuary and observatory at Cape Clear Island, of which he was secretary for seven years. This book is a must for all bird researchers and persons wishing to do bird surveys and censuses. Although aimed at the British birdwatcher, it is equally applicable to us, and in fact with more species we have more opportunity to do some useful work. This book outlines various surveys that the amateur can make. As Humphrey Dobinson makes clear, ornithology is one science where the informed amateur can make a tremendous contribution - in the study of roosting, for example, about which so little is known, as well as the changes in bird numbers from year to year. And "Bird Count" is the perfect book for any curious beginner or well-practised birdwatcher who wants to make a real study of his hobby. Chapter headings include such titles as: Counting Birds, Counting Techniques, Field work on Recording Nests, Migration - recording it, Roosts, Surveys, Collections, A Note on Ringing, Books, Journals and Societies. This book consists of 192 pages and includes some delightful illustrations.

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